

SENATE BILL 3630

By Stewart

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 68,  
relative to payments for health care services from  
certain persons.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-262, is amended by adding the following as new subsections:

(d) Notwithstanding subsection (a), each healthcare facility licensed under this chapter shall be prohibited from requiring an uninsured patient or an underinsured patient from paying more for services rendered to the patient than one hundred ten (110%) of the participating fee amount the health care facility would receive from medicare if the same services were provided to a medicare recipient.

(e) The commissioner of health is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this subsection (d). All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with the Uniform Administrative Procedures Act, compiled in title 4, chapter 5.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 68-11-262(b), is amended by adding the following as a new subdivision:

( ) "Underinsured patient" means an individual under age sixty-five (65) who lives in a family that spends more than ten percent (10%) of adjusted gross family income for federal income tax purposes on out-of-pocket health care costs; provided, that "out-of-pocket costs" does not include health insurance premiums;

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect January 1, 2013, the public welfare requiring it.